

# Straight*talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

## Librarian or Social Worker?

By Sarah Warneke

It's natural that we encounter and work with a variety of people in our libraries. However, with that variety, difficulties and challenges can arise. I attended the PLTS workshop "Help! I'm a Librarian... Not a Social Worker". It gave a lot of helpful information for how to handle different difficult situations.

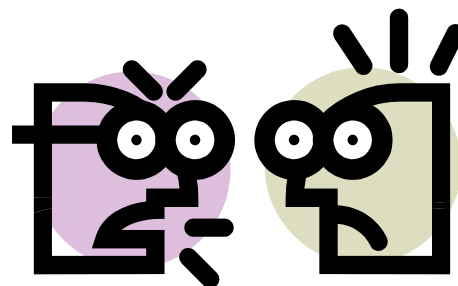
**Angry People:** First, determine if they are in a rational or irrational state. If they are rational, you will be able to reason with them—make a cognitive contact. Acknowledge them. If they hear it, they are rational. With angry people, you want to deal with the behavior and try to be more equable since everyone can cross the line. If someone is becoming irrational, it can help de-escalate the issue if you switch with another staff member.

**Medicated or Non-medicated:** Ask yourself if they start violating the level of behavior lined out in your code of conduct. Do not hesitate to call the police if you believe their safety is an issue. This is an area libraries need to plan for because there are more young people with mental issues and injuries than ever before.

**Autism:** People with autism can be rational or irrational and libraries need to do better to make them feel welcome. If an issue arises, take a step back and see if they will calm themselves down. It can also help to get a familiar voice. Talk to whomever is with them to see what you can do make the library work for them.

**Cries:** Criers can be adults too. When you have a crier, give them a moment to gather and to vent—something at the library may simply be the tipping point. Ask them what you can do to help solve the problem. You may need to be very creative in your solutions.

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# NEW! Why Your NEBRASKA Public Library is Important

Percent of Nebraska public libraries that provide homework resources.

68%

88%

Libraries that assist their users with accessing and using e-government services

Libraries that host technology training sessions for the public

86.4%

82.2%

Libraries that provide the only free internet access in their communities

Number of Libraries with improved broadband internet access speed since 2010

39.3%

74%

Libraries providing wireless internet access

➤ **140** Nebraska Public Libraries loan e-books - that's 52% (40% last year) of Nebraska public libraries. The state population served by these libraries:

**1,424,584**

➤ **78%**

of all Nebraska RESIDENTS

➤ **2,327** Number of free computers available to the public.

**AMAZING!**

An increase of

➤ **20%**

compared to 2010

Number of registered **NEBRASKA** library users

➤ **1,024,376**

Number of resources in **NEBRASKA** libraries

➤ **7,529,369**

Sources: 2010-2011 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey (222 or 82% responding).

Hoffmann, Judy, John Carlo Bertot, and Denise M. Davis. Libraries Connect Communities: Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study 2011-2012. Seventy-five Nebraska libraries participated.



Nebraska Library Commission

For more information see [www.nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/)

## Librarian or Social Worker Continued

**General Advice:** If you are in the library alone, ask a trusted patron to help you keep an eye on things if you need to step away for a moment. Put code words in place for times when you need help. Have people sit down because it will help them calm down. If more than one person is annoyed by something in the library, take a look at it.

## Zinio: The Digital Newsstand

Zinio is a privately owned company that describes itself as the “world’s largest newsstand and bookstore.” A partnership between Zinio and Record Books was formed in 2011 to bring the service to public libraries. It has been offered to US libraries since mid 2012. In 2012, it was also named the Best New Database by Library Journal in its Best Databases for 2012 list.

The initial cost for acquiring the Zinio platform is determined by a tier that is based on annual material circulation. Battle Creek’s Zinio rep gave a range of \$750-\$3000 for the platform fee after a price increase that began on April 1. The rep stressed that the actual price will vary a lot. Kathy Bretschneider shared with me that Battle Creek’s platform fee is \$500.

After the platform fee, libraries can purchase additional magazine titles for their collection and only pay the subscription price for that magazine which is comparable to fee for the print version. Libraries can build their own portfolio from over 5,500 different titles, including Spanish –language and other international titles. Battle Creek’s rep also stated that the cost for these subscriptions will be increasing as well.

While this purchasing model is ideal for libraries, perhaps the biggest benefit of this service is that it allows unlimited and simultaneous use. Magazines appear exactly as they would in the print edition – including all the ads – nothing is left out. Some magazines also include interactive elements through audio and video clips.

To access magazines on Zinio, users must first log in using the library’s password. From there, they are able to create their own account. If a library user has a smartphone or tablet, they can download copies of the magazine to Zinio’s app which is available for Apple or Android devices as well as Mac or PC computers. The magazines can also be viewed online through a valid Zinio account. Patrons can store magazines indefinitely on any compatible device or in the cloud.

As more magazines and newspapers begin to transition to an online-only format, this database will become much more beneficial for libraries. One of the hidden benefits of Zinio is that it gives libraries a chance to subscribe to international newspapers or magazines, where a print subscription may be impractical due to the extra shipping cost.

Zinio offers an example of its online interface. It can be accessed [here](#). Please note that while the link will initially look like a small image, it will switch over to reading mode after a moment.

## Book Reviews



### **Love Puppies and Corner Kicks**

**By R. W. Krech**

The main character, Andrea is forced to move with her family to Scotland while her dad is involved with an exchanged teacher program. She encounters the usual problems: acceptance of peers and her first crush, but a stuttering problem recurs, giving her self-confidence a hit. This book has a sweet ending, is funny, and will appeal to middle school girls especially. This book is recommended for students between 6th and 8th grades and for any library collection. *Jenny Schneider*

### **Taking Care of Mama**

**By Mitra Modarressi**

This story is about how a raccoon family takes care of mama when she has a fever and has to stay in bed. When mama starts feeling better, the family notices what a mess the house is, so they work hard to clean it up for her. The story depicts a helpful, caring family who appreciates their mom at the end of the day. It would be a great book for lower elementary students and has cute illustrations. It is appropriate for any library. *Joyce Sullivan*

### **Slide**

**By Jill Hathaway**

Everyone believes that Vee is narcoleptic. The real truth is that when she falls asleep, Vee slides into the body of someone else. When she touches something that someone has imprinted themselves on, she slips into their mind and sees things from their perspective. Rather than take the prescription the doctors have given her to make her sleep, Vee takes a caffeine pill to help her stay awake. When she finds a note pasted to the door, she slips into the body of someone who has killed her sister's friend. Everyone thinks that Sophie committed suicide but Vee knows better. Now she is going to have to find out what really happened and the only way seems to be to slide into different people and see what she can learn. Though the sliding seems a little far-fetched, it works. Readers will think they have solved the mystery of who-done-it several times before the real murderer is revealed. This will make an excellent addition to your young adult collection. Recommended for grades 9th and up, and any library collection. *Diane Limoges*

### **Nugget on the Flight Dech**

**By Patricia Newman**

This nonfiction book talks though what it would be like to ride a carrier and all the terms and jargon that would go with this adventure. A Nugget is a first time rider on the carrier or Mother. The little boy eats chow, sees where his bed is in a rack, and tells time in military time. A little advanced for a smaller child, but for someone who loves boats of ships and is military minded, I am sure that they would eat it up. Recommended for grades 3rd through 6th and appropriate for any library. *Carol Tramp*

## Nebraska Learns 2.0: An Ongoing Learning Resource for the Nebraska Library Community

By Christa Burns

The Nebraska Library Commission's online learning program, Nebraska Learns 2.0, debuted in 2008. The program is still going strong today and, over the years, we have been thrilled with the participation and conversations that have developed.

Nebraska Learns 2.0 (<http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nelearns/>) is an ongoing self-discovery program which encourages participants to take control of their own learning and to utilize their lifelong learning skills through exploration and PLAY. The goal of the program is to encourage participants to experiment with and learn about the new and emerging technologies that are reshaping the way people, society and libraries access information and communicate with each other.

There are no formal classes or workshops offered to support this program. Instead, participants are encouraged to work together and share with each other their discoveries, techniques and "how to's", both in person and through their blogs.

Nebraska Learns 2.0 participants are offered an opportunity to do a new Thing each month. In Nebraska Learns 2.0., a "Thing" is essentially a Lesson. Participants have all month to complete that Thing and receive one CE credit. If you are busy one month, or taking a month long vacation, that's OK. You can just skip that month's Thing and participate again the next month. Participants are always welcome to go back and do Things they missed, however CE credit will only be award for completing the current month's Thing during that month.

Another facet of Nebraska Learns 2.0 is BookThing. Each month we pick a single title that we feel has relevance to librarianship and/or information theory. Some of the titles will be very obviously related, while others may not seem so on the surface, but there is a connection. Your assignment will be to read the book and create a blog post answering some questions about the title. Each title will be assigned a variable number of CE credits based on the length of the book. If you've previously read the month's choice, that's great! You don't have to re-read the book, unless you really want to. You are still welcome to participate by sharing your thoughts on the book.

If you are new to Nebraska Learns 2.0, your first assignment is to sign up to participate at: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nelearns/sign-up-2/> Then check out this month's Thing and BookThing on the program website at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nelearns/> This program is open to ALL Nebraska librarians, library staff, library friends, library board members and school media specialists.

We hope you'll join your library colleagues in the fun as you learn about new and exciting technologies!



# Library News



**Ponca Public Library is celebrating 100 years** of service to the community. To commemorate the date the Library Board (Nancy Dunn, Vicki Irby, Joe Kvidera, Heather Craig-Oldsen, and Gina Cook) decided to add a stained glass window above the door. It was created and installed by Kruse Stained Glass (near Bow Valley) on Monday. The Board will make a decision in the near future on how to best light it for viewing from the street at night.

Photos by Jodie Kilton

## Ponca Carnegie Library 100 Years



## Wausa to Have New Library Next Year

By Jerry Guenther

*This article was originally published in the February 28 edition of the Norfolk Daily News*

It's an exciting time for Wausa residents, who will have a new library next year through an ambitious undertaking that has been in the works for years.

Virginia Lindquist, the Lincoln Township Library director, said various plans and five previous sites for a new library had been considered before the area next to the existing library was selected.

There was a lot of sentiment to keep the existing library in some capacity, which is in great shape structurally and was built in 1935 through the Federal Emergency Relief Act.

"This is a very sturdy building," Lindquist said. "It has been well taken care of."

Lindquist, who is only the library's sixth director since it began in 1920, said once plans were made to include the existing library, "things began to take off."

Fundraising also has been going on for years, and received a shot in the arm with notification of a \$250,000 grant from the Lied Trust Foundation.

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### **Wausa Library continued.**

Altogether, all but about \$75,000 of the \$750,000 necessary for the project has been raised. Ground breaking is expected to occur in March, depending on the weather.

Judy Carlson, Lincoln Township Library Foundation president, said Wausa still has a library funded by the township and not the village.

"We're going to raise all the funds for this new library (privately)," Carlson said. "The township is not going to have to pay for any of it."

Carlson said about \$675,000 has been raised privately and through grants. Some private donors make some sizable donations to get the drive started.

More funds actually have been raised already, but the foundation had to purchase and raze a nearby property to make room for the new library.

"We have enough funds to do the building," Carlson said. "What the additional funds that we're still gathering would do is the remodeling of this area and lot of extra concrete. I'm very confident that it will come."

Once the new library opens, the existing library will continue to be used. It will be connected to the portions of the new library. The main floor of the old library will be converted into a community meeting room.

There is currently not a handicapped accessibility meeting room in Wausa outside of the churches.

The new library will be designed in such a way that new handicapped restrooms will be used for both the library and the meeting room. The meeting room will hold up to 50 people.

Plans also include once a month having some type of speaker or a class in the meeting room, Lindquist said.

The opening of the new library will feature the main entrance on the southeast. It will include a ramp to make it accessible for people with disabilities.

The new library will feature a computer lab that will include some laptop computers as well as regular computers, a kitchenette, children's area that will bolster children's activities, a young adult area, a magazine and current events area, media area, and stacks for new books.

"There will also be a work room, which is near and dear to my heart because we have no place to work right now," Lindquist said.

The new library will have 5,600 square feet—all on one floor. That more than doubles the 5,040 square feet of the existing library's main floor and basement.

Clausen Brothers Construction of Norfolk is the general contractor for the new building, with several local contractors assisting.

If construction begins as planned in March, it is hoped that the building will be dedicated by early 2014.

The new library will be known as the Lied Lincoln Township Library. One of the stipulations with the \$250,000 grant was that Lied be included in the name.

# SRP Workshop Wrap-Up

65 librarians attended the annual workshop at Duster's in Columbus. The day was filled with book suggestions from Sally Snyder, craft ideas from Jody Crocker, and a presentation from Mad Science Plus of Iowa.



As always, Sally brought a great collection of book that fit into this year's theme.

Jody shows off an easy costume idea for use during story time.







Mad Science Plus of Iowa gave an entertaining program that's sure to be a hit at any library.

## Flip Video Cameras Available for Checkout

The office has 6 High-definition Flip video cameras that are available for checkout. These cameras are easy to use and come with some built-in software for basic video editing. Virtually any Windows or Mac computer will be compatible. When you connect the camera to a computer for the first time, it will ask to install its software that is needed to pull video from the camera to the computer.

These cameras produce excellent quality videos that are on par with many of the more expensive, “pocket” video cameras. One of the few things you must be careful of when using one is keeping your hand still to help prevent excess shaking in the video.

Using one of these cameras could be a great way to produce a short video about your library, recap a big event, or borrow it simply to try out using this kind of small video camera.

For an example of video quality, check out [this](#) video that Sarah’s group created at last year’s Tech Rodeo. She has a non-hd model myself and has always been pleased with it.



## Upcoming Events

**May 15:** NELS board meeting, Madison Public Library, 10am

**May 22:** NCompass Live about new accreditation guidelines

**May 27:** Office Closed for Memorial Day

**May 31:** Target Meeting, Hartington Public library, 1-4pm

**June 15:** Freegal opportunity deadline

**July 27:** 19th Annual Literature Festival, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

If you have a book review, piece of news, or photo that you would like to share with your fellow Northeast Nebraska libraries, email it to Sarah at the NELS office. [nelsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:nelsdirector@gmail.com)

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[http://www.carolinestarrrose.com/Caroline Starr Rose/Home.html](http://www.carolinestarrrose.com/Caroline_Starr_Rose/Home.html)



**\*CARL DEUKER\***

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<http://members.authorsguild.net/carldeuker/>

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## Northeast Library system Board Minutes

**Wednesday, Jan 16, 2013**

The Northeast Library System Board met on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the Lied Pierce Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Judy Hagen, and roll call showed board members Tami Anderson, Dawn Tucker, Judy Hagen, Beth Foulks, Kathy Ageton, Elaine Tobias, Mary Anne Schwarten, Susan Tyndall, and Tim Sebade present. Also present was Sheila Cermak. Dee Johnson was approved as an alternate for Melissa Baumert. (Ageton – 1M, Tucker - 2M).

An addition to the agenda was a call for Executive Session near the end of the meeting.

The November minutes were approved. (Johnson -1M, Anderson – 2M). MCU

Several Christmas cards were shared before Cermak gave the financial report. She noted that 2 CDs have been renewed and drew our attention to the report of the annual institute from the ESU.

A report from the Nebraska Library Commission was presented via handout.

Cermak reported activities with which she has been involved including e-Reader workshops, preparation for the Summer Reading Workshop and a Target Meeting as well as other assistant duties.

No reports were given by the personnel, strategic planning, nominating or technology committees. Continuing education committee has grant opportunities out for Legislative Day and Advocacy Day, and the budget committee will meet this afternoon to review the budget. The Grants committee plans to meet in June. A copy of the approved grant application form was provided in the packet. A motion was made to increase the number of grants given out to 8 (\$100) grants – or if fewer than 8 apply, to divide the \$800 equally between recipients. (M)-Ageton, (2)-Anderson.

Old business included a discussion of the Summer Reading Workshop on March 12 at Columbus. “Dig Deep: Discover” has been invited to present his mad science show at the event. A hand-out of his program has been provided in the packet.

New business

The March 20th NELS board meeting scheduled to meet at Clearwater was changed to the Norfolk Public Library.

Federal mileage rates have increased to .565 on January 1, 2013. A motion was made to increase mileage rates for NELS accordingly. (M)-Ageton; (2)-Johnson; MCU.

A Pat on the Back will be sent to 2 Lied Pierce Public Library volunteers: Kristi Leckband and Amy Breitschneider for their work with story times at the library.

Executive Session was held for approximately 45 minutes.

A motion was made to offer the NELS director position to Sarah Warneke with an understanding that the future financial situation of NELS and other Nebraska Library Systems is unsure. She will be offered a salary of \$45,000 with an additional 10% benefits package. (M)-Johnson; (2)-Ageton.

The next meeting will be March 20 at Norfolk Public Library.

Claims of the Day were approved. (M)-Johnson, (2) Ageton) MCU.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Foulks, Secretary

## Northeast Library system Board Minutes

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The Northeast Library System Board met on Wednesday, March 20th, 2013, at the Norfolk Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Judy Hagen, and roll call showed board members Tami Anderson, Dawnn Tucker, Judy Hagen, Beth Foulks, Kathy Ageton, Elaine Tobias, Audrey Loosvelt, Melissa Baumert, Mary Anne Schwarten, Judy Hilkemann, and Tim Sebade present. Also present were Director Sarah Warneke, Shelia Cermak and Laura Johnson from The Library Commission. Dee Johnson was approved as an alternate for Sara Lee. (Ageton – 1M, Schwarten – 2M).

The January minutes were unavailable. Ageton motioned to table the minutes until next meeting. They will also be available in the next issue of *Straight Talk*.

Several cards were shared by Sarah Warneke.

Shelia gave the financial report. Scheduling of the tax process for August has begun. One CD will come due in July. The budget committee will meet in May to discuss possible budgets for next year. We will know more next month about funding from the Nebraska Library Commission for next year. The summer reading meeting finances are in order – about \$120 left to come in. (1) – Johnson, (2) Anderson, MCU

A verbal report and handout from the Nebraska Library Commission were presented by Laura Johnson.

New director Sarah Warneke reported activities with which she has been involved including e-Reader workshops, the Summer Reading Workshop, a Target Meeting, and a Kapco book repair workshop. She has visited numerous libraries and is becoming acquainted with her other duties.

The personnel committee reported preparing a form listing director goals. The continuing education committee reported no applicants for the grant opportunity for Legislative Day and may offer a grant for the Small Libraries Conference to be held in Omaha in September. The budget committee met to review the budget in January and will meet again in May to begin preparing a budget proposal for next year. The Grants committee will meet today before lunch to discuss grants.

**Old business** included a discussion of the Summer Reading Workshop which was held at Columbus. The program was attended by 67 people. The evaluation form was presented and showed mostly positive responses.

### **New business**

Sarah reported that Nebraska Library Commission funding will likely remain steady for next year. Federal funding, however, will not be known until July and is expected to drop 8%.

A Pat on the Back will be given to Shelia Cermak for her extra efforts for the system during the interim period between directors.

Members shared activities at their various libraries.

The next meeting will be May 15 at Madison Public Library.

Claims of the Day were approved. (M)-Ageton, (2) Johnson, MCU.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. (M)-Johnson, (2) Foulks.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Foulks, Secretary



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Louisa May Alcott

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